WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Non-aided recognised sr secondary public schools in Delhi

*101. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the non-aided recognised senior secondary public schools, alongwith names and address of the societies; if registered under the Societies Registration Act, which are running them in Delhi; and

(b) what type of administrative control Government/Delhi Administration are having on such societies and schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER). (a) and (b) A list giving the details of recognised unaided senior secondary public schools functioning in the Union Territory of Delhi is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 47]

School Education in the Union Territory of Delhi is regulated by the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and the rules made thereunder. The powers of Delhi Administration under Delhi School education Act, 1973 in regard to the unaided schools are as under :—

(a) Under Section 3(2), the Administrator may permit any person or local authority to establish and maintain any school subject to compliance of the provisions of the Act and the Rules.

(b) Under Section 4 the appropriate authority may consider an application for recognition by a prizate school. For recognition the important requirements are:

(i) Financial viability;

(ii) Scheme of management;

(iii) Availability of adequate accommodation;

(iv) Teachers with prescribed qualifications;

(v) Facilities for Physical education, library, Laboratories and co-curricular activities.

(c) Under Section 5, the Managing Committee of a recognised school with the previous approval of the appropriate authority formulates a scheme of management conforming to the Act and Rules. However, for minorities' schools the previous approval of the competent authority is not required.

(d) (i) Under Section 8, the Administrator is authorised to make rules regulating qualifications for recruitment and conditions of service. Under Section 10(1) the salary, pensions, etc. of an employee in a private school cannot be less than those applicable to Government teachers.

(ii) Under Section 8(2) no employee in a recognised private school can be dismissed, removed or reduced in rank except with the prior approval of the Director. Under Sub-Section (4) similar approval of the Director is required for suspen ion.

(e) Under Section 9, the Delhi Administration is authorised to prescribe a code of conduct for all employees in private schools.

(f) Under Section 11(1), the Administrator is authorised to constitute a Tribunal to dispose of appeals preferred under the Act by employees of the private schools.

(g) Under Section 16, the Delhi Administration is authorised to make rules for regulating admissions in recognised schools. Rule 145 regulates admissions in recognised un-aided schools. It requires that the admissions should be based on admission test or on the basis of result in particular class or school.

(h) Section 17(3) requires that Manager of every recognised school should file with the Director before the commencement of each academic session a statement of fees to be levied by the school and that except with the prior approval of the Director no such school can charge any fee in excess of that specified in the statement.

(i) Section 18(3) requires that every recognised unaided school should maintain a school fund in which all the income should be deposited and presumably the expenditure has to be incurred out of this fund.

Section 18(5) requires that the school should file with the Director every year an audited financial and other returns as may be prescribed.

(j) Section 19(1) requires that for public examination every recognised school shall be affiliated to one or more of the Boards conducting such examinations.

(k) Section 20 provides that where a School neglects to perform the duty imposed on it under the Act or the rules, the management can be taken over for a period of 3 years, which is extendable upto 2 years. However, Section 21 provides that a minority school cannot be taken over.

(l) Section 24(1) authorises Delhi Administration to arrange inspection of every recognised school at least once in a year.

(m) Section 27 specified that if the Manager of a recognised private school does not carry out the orders of the Tribunal or does not deliver property to the Administrator when the management is taken over under Section 20 he can be punished with imprisonment of upto 3 months or fined upto Rs. 1000/- or both.

Bilateral talks after signing of Indo-Sri Lanka Accord

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of bilateral talks held among the parties concerned since the signing of Indo-Sri Lanka accord; and

(b) what had been the outcome of each of these talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Since the signing of the Indo Sri Lanka Agreement on July 29, 1987 there have been several bilateral meetings at different levels between India and Sri Lanka which, *inter alia*, include meetings at the Summit level, Ministerial level and at the official level.

(b) A statement on the more important meetings is laid on the Table of the House.